

Questions in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences(HASS)

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political science

What is the process by which decisions affecting a society as a whole are made?

What kind of knowledge guides decisions that impact society as a whole?

economics

Why do people value and invest in different things?

How are resources in a society shared and distributed?

sociology

How are families organized, and what roles are played by different family members?

How do different social groups relate to each other?

anthropology

What shapes the way people think and act?

What counts as normal, and abnormal, true and significant, in different groups?

psychology

What kinds of emotional reactions are triggered by different stimuli?

What kind of cognitive capabilities and biases do people have?

history

How and why are particular historical periods distinct?

What factors drive change?

rhetoric

In a particular group, society or historical period, what forms of communication are used to convey significant information and ideas?

How is literature used to propel understanding and reflection?

aesthetics

What is considered beautiful or worthy of admiration, and why?

What is the purpose of art?

philosophy

What is the best way to make knowledge?

What concepts are critical to understanding the world as it is, and should be?